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SUBJECT: GUINEA EAC - PRIME MINISTER KOUYATE DISMISSED

¶1. The Deputy Chief of Mission convened Post's Emergency Action Committee Wednesday, May 21 to discuss the announced dismissal of PM Kouyate last night and potential public reaction to this event. Representatives from MGT, CA, RO, DAO, USAID, PC, PAO, POL and RSO were present

¶2. The dismissal of the Guinean prime minister Lansana Kouyate, was announced last night on the evening news. Dr. Ahmed Tidiane Souare has been selected as the new prime minister. Following the announcement there were sporadic outbreaks of public protests and violence in Conakry and other areas of Guinea which were quickly dispersed by security forces. This morning the situation is calm, although there are more security forces than usual in major areas known for political violence in the past.

¶3. Post is issuing a warden message to alert the American community. Post will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as warranted.

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